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FM AMCONSUL BELEM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0511
INFO AMCONSUL SAO PAULO
AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO
AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
AMEMBASSY BRAZILIA

UNCLAS BELEM 0076

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES (LAND, CHARLES WILLIAM)
SUBJECT: DEATH OF USC LANE AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

REF: STATE 80119, BRASILIA 4722, DEPT'S OM DTD APRIL 21, 1975,
BELEM'S OM DTD JUNE 6, 1975, SAO PAULO 894.

1. CONSUL HAS LEARNED THAT SUBJECT WAS IN BELEM IM MID MARCH FOR AT LEAST A WEEK. WHILE HERE HE PURCHASED US\$5000 (AT COST OF CR\$40.500) IN BILLS OF SMALL DENOMINATIONS AT LOCAL QUOTE CONVENIENCE STORE UNQUOTE WHERE CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS ARE RAPID AND UNFETTERED.

2. LOCAL SOURCES SUGGEST THAT HE DID NOT SPEND MONEY BEFORE LEAVING BELEM IN MID MARCH.

3. SUBJECT VISITED BELEM OFTEN AND ALWAYS STAYED IN THE SELTOM HOTEL.

4. MR. LANE WAS SUBJECT TO FREQUENT STROKES. CONSUL WAS CALLED TO SELTON HOTEL TWICE BY ANXIOUS HOTEL MANAGER WHO BELIEVED SUBJECT WAS DYING. LANE WOULD USUALLY RECOVER FROM STROKES IN ABOUT 24 HOURS.

5. SUBJECT WAS ADVISED AGAINST CARRYING US\$5000 IN CASH BECAUSE OF HIS FREQUENT STROKES, BUT HE WAS APPARENTLY UNCONCERNED.

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6. MONEY CAME FROM A FLORIDA BANK AND BILLS WERE STILL IN PAPER

BINDERS WITH NAME OF BANK.

7. LANE USUALLY TRAVELED WITH YOUNG GERMAN CITIZEN (NAME MAY BE FISCHBACK REF BRASILIA 4722) WHOM HE VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS HIS CHAUFFEUR OR TRAVELING COMPANION. FISCHBANK MAY WELL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROPERTY OF MR. LANE.

8. IN BELEM SUBJECT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A WEALTHY RETIRED AMERICAN WHO HAD ONCE DEALT IN REAL STATE.

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